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INCITIVE CIRCULAR ISSUED BY AN ORGANIZED BODY.

Document is Distributed Broadcast Among Lower Classes in Hope of Creating Inflammatory Sentiment Against Fowery Kingdom.

JAPAN STIRRED BY CHINESE.

Incitive Circular Issued by an Organized Body.

Tokio: Copies of circulars issued in north China by a body of Chinese calling themselves the "Popular Association of the Three Eastern Provinces," have been received in Japan, after having been spread broadcast among the Chinese of the lower classes. The circulars contain inflammatory statements against the Japanese. They bear upon what is called the weakness of poor China and "the insulting aggression of Japan."

Assertions are made that Japan has devastated the arable lands of north China, has enslaved laborers along the line of the Antung-Mukden railroad, and that Japanese officials have beaten the men, insulted the women and terrorized the people.

The circulars point out that the weakness of China in a military sense makes it impossible for her to resent this treatment except by a boycott, and call upon the people of China generally to refuse all dealings with the Japanese. All students and persons who value freedom are called upon to propagate the doctrines of the association. Failing in this, they are threatened with vengeance and even death.

The document concludes with the request that Chinese vehicles, vessels and railroads refuse to carry Japanese goods. An endless chain is sought in the request that patriotic citizens into whose hands the circular may fall shall have them reprinted and scattered broadcast until Japan is completely shut out from all commercial communication with China.

SUBJECT TO HEAVY FINE.

Wealthy Oklahoman is Sued Under State Prohibition Law.

Oklahoma City, Okla.: Suit under the prohibition law for \$30,000 has been brought by the state against Charles F. Colcord, one of the wealthiest men of Oklahoma City, charging that for thirty days he has permitted liquor to be sold in a building he owns. The state law fixes a fine of \$1,000 a day for this violation.

Other suits of this nature were filed, the total amount demanded being \$145,000.

RED MEN INCREASE.

Government Statistics Show Growth in Indian Population.

Washington, D. C.: The popular idea that the American Indians are decreasing in number is dissipated by official figures showing that there are more than 300,000 red men in the United States. An increase in population of about 40,000 during the last two decades is attributed to the government's constant effort to uplift the Indian to the level of contemporary civilization.

Bride Soon a Widow.

Baton Rouge, La.: After only twelve hours of married life John Elam, secretary of the Baton Rouge Life Insurance agency, shot and killed himself. Elam was married to Miss Land, of this city at 6 o'clock in the evening. At 6 o'clock the next morning he asked his wife to bring him a cup of coffee. She had hardly left the room when he ended his life with a revolver.

Tooth Brushes for Pupils.

New Brunswick, N. J.: Dr. E. Irving Jronk, medical inspector, has asked the board of education to provide every public school pupil with a tooth brush, and make its use compulsory. The board is inclined to consider the suggestion favorably.

Fire Threatens to Destroy Town.

Burnside, Ky.: Fire Sunday threatened destruction of a large part of Burnside, a hotel, several stores, and other small buildings being burned. The loss was \$75,000.

Dirigible Balloon Collapses.

South Bend, Ind.: William Matter's dirigible balloon, the American, collapsed at a height of 100 feet. Matter's wrists were fractured. The machine was destroyed.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Sioux City: Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top feeders, \$5.15. Top hogs, \$7.70.

German Discount Rate Raised.

Brussels: The National bank has raised the discount rate on accepted bills to 3 1/2 per cent and on non-accepted bills to 4 per cent.

Receivers Are Named.

Kansas City: The large wholesale Swofford Bros. Dry Goods company of this city was placed in the hands of receivers as a result of disagreement among the stockholders. The assets and liabilities are not given.

HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE.

3,000 Reported Drowned on Yucatan Island in Recent Gulf Storm.

New Orleans, La.: The steamer City of Tampico, arriving here from Progreso, Mex., brought a report that from 2,000 to 3,000 natives were drowned on the island of Yucatan in the recent gulf hurricane.

The crew of the schooner Caldwell H. Colt, of Pensacola, Fla., which was seized by Mexican authorities, arrived at the city of Tampico.

According to the men the work of repairs had hardly begun when the Mexican gunboat Bravo sailed up and took possession of the schooner. It was claimed that the vessel had been engaged in fishing within a prescribed distance from shore and she was formally confiscated. Although the men were released the schooner is still being held by the Mexican government.

MRS. GUNNESS IN TEXAS?

Former Resident of Laporte Claims He Saw Accused Murderess.

El Paso, Tex.: A special from Dalhart, Tex., says that a man named Hendrik Fritz, formerly of Laporte, Ind., positively identified Mrs. Belle Gunness on a train en route to Denver from Fort Worth, where it is reported she was recently seen.

Fritz asserts that Mrs. Gunness recognized him and hastily went into the woman's dressing room, where she locked herself in.

TROOPS AND PIRATES CLASH.

French Soldiers Wound Chief and Put Band to Fight.

Saigon, French Cochinchina: A severe fight occurred on October 5 between a column of French troops and a band of pirates under the command of a chief named Detham. The pirates were put to flight. Detham was wounded and eight pirates were killed. The French troops lost seven Europeans killed and twenty-two wounded, including one officer, and twenty-two native French soldiers were wounded.

Rehearing is Denied.

Seattle, Wash.: Chairman Martin A. Knapp announced a decision of the interstate commerce commission in the suit brought by Des Moines against the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad and other lines. The commission denied a petition of the railroads for a rehearing and ordered the reduction of rates from the Atlantic seaboard to Des Moines to go into effect.

That Chinese Loan.

Pekin: The German bank has been informed from Berlin that all the German objections to the bank signing the agreement for the \$30,000,000 have been received by the British and French representatives. H. P. Fletcher, the American charge d'affaires, has informed the foreign representatives that he did not desire to press the negotiations.

City Officials Fined.

Topeka, Kan.: J. E. Holden, police judge of Pittsburg, Kan., was fined \$100, seven policemen were fined \$50 each, eight firemen \$25 each, twelve liquor sellers \$500 each, and Frank Linski \$1,000 by the state supreme court for contempt for participating in a fine system of licensing joints or illicit saloons in Pittsburg.

For Blowing up Dam.

Jennings, La.: Charged with complicity in the blowing up of the Mermentau dam, which protects the lands of hundreds of rice farmers, the United States commissioner here bound over six citizens. It is claimed that ill feeling between cattle raisers and rice growers of this section resulted in the dynamiting of the dam.

Amundsen Plans Trip.

Hamburg: Capt. Ronald Amundsen, the well known Danish explorer, who is about to start on a polar expedition, has decided to try a remarkable innovation in the use of draught animals for polar travel. He will endeavor to make polar bears draw his sledges.

Boy Sentenced for Arson.

Deadwood, S. D.: His career as a firebug was checked when David Anderson, aged 11, of Lead, was committed by the county court to the state reform school at Plankinton. Anderson recently confessed to setting the fire that destroyed the Rawley barns near here.

Crane is Cautioned.

Washington: Charles R. Crane, the newly appointed United States minister to China, who is returning from San Francisco, from which place he was recalled when about to take a ship for his post, will be cautioned as to his public utterances concerning the vital questions in the far east, and then sent to his station.

Priests Mix in Politics.

Paris: Some of the French bishops, following up a more militant policy, have introduced into the catechisms the obligation to vote only for candidates who have publicly pledged themselves to the defense of religious interests.

Charley Taft to Be a Boxer.

Boston, Mass.: Information has been received that Charley Taft, the youngest son of the president, will, in all probability, take lessons in boxing from the coming winter from Jimmy Walsh, the local boxer.

Students Riot; Defy Police.

Baltimore, Md.: Class rush day at all the local colleges caused the police the busiest twelve hours they have known in many months.

CORN NOT SO GOOD.

Placed at 73.8 in the Government Report—Lower Than 1908.

Washington, D. C.: The crop reporting board of the department of agriculture made public the following estimate of crops on October 1 last:

Corn condition 73.8, as compared with 77.8 on the same day last year; spring wheat quality, 90, as compared with 88.1 in 1908; spring wheat and winter wheat combined average quality, 90.4, compared with 89.4 last year; oats quality, 91.4, as compared with 81.3 a year ago.

The indicated total production of spring wheat is about 291,848,000 bushels against 226,694,000. Final estimate of 1909 spring and winter wheat combined, 724,768,000 bushels, compared with 664,602,000 last year and of oats about 983,618,000 bushels, against 807,156,000.

QUARREL OVER QUARANTINE.

Nebraskan Dies of Injuries Received in an Encounter.

Hastings, Neb.: Porter Walthers, a member of the board of supervisors of Clay county, died at a sanitarium in Hastings, as a result, physicians say, of injuries received in an encounter with a farmer named John Karney, living near Glenville. The trouble started by reason of Karney refusing to submit to the quarantining of his home for scarlet fever by a physician. The doctor reported the case to the board of supervisors, and Walthers accompanied him to the Karney home to enforce the quarantine. The farmer and supervisor became involved in a dispute and blows were exchanged. Walthers had his jawbone fractured and received internal injuries, which brought on paralysis.

PANAMA CANAL WORK.

An Estimate of Funds Needed Submitted by Commission.

Washington, D. C.: The Panama canal commission has submitted to the secretary of war an estimate of appropriations aggregating \$48,063,524 for work on the canal during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1910. Of the amount asked for \$15,504,036 is for skilled and unskilled labor and \$20,218,983 is for materials and supplies used in construction work.

The total appropriations made by congress up to this time on account of the canal are \$210,070,468. Col. Goethals, the chairman and the chief engineer of the commission, has declared it to be his opinion that the great waterway will be completed by January 1, 1915, and has estimated the total cost at \$375,000,000.

\$70,000 is Bid for Big Fight.

Galveston, Tex.: A local sporting combine offers a \$70,000 purse for the Jeffries-Johnson fight if Johnson will fight here. The scheme is to build a pavilion on the rock jetties five miles out in the gulf to accommodate from 15,000 to 20,000 people. The Texas prize fight law extends only three miles from shore.

Held for Murder of Brother.

Des Moines, Ia.: Ben H. Murrow was placed under arrest charged with the murder of his brother, Charles E. Murrow. Charles Murrow was shot through the temple as he lay in bed in the Ben Murrow home. It was given out that he had been shot by burglars.

Lash and Bible for Thief.

Durham, N. C.: A sentence of one whipping under the direction of an officer of the law, and attendance at Sunday school every Sunday for a period of six months, was imposed by Judge Sykes in the recorder's court upon a 13-year-old negro boy who had stolen a pair of shoes.

Servia Mourns Lost State.

Belgrade, Servia: All the shops of Belgrade closed and the public buildings of the city draped in black to mark the first anniversary of the annexation of the provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina by Austria-Hungary. Servian students paraded the streets shouting "Down with Austria!"

Steamship Line Sold.

Boston, Mass.: John W. McKinnon, a member of the board of reorganization managers of the Metropolitan Steamship company, bid in the company for \$2,500,000 for the foreclosure sale here, and if the plans of the board are carried out the line will pass at once to Charles W. Morse and affiliated interests.

Girl Tips Scales at 625 Pounds.

Uniontown, W. Va.: Weighing 625 pounds, although only 17 years old, Gertie May Davis, from Wayne county, W. Va., is in Uniontown with her father, Joseph Davis, 76 years old, who weighs 140 pounds and is the father of 25 children, of whom 24 are living.

Dies at Age of 80.

New York: Capt. John Joshua Nathaniel Weber, who served as an executive officer on the Monitor during her battle with the Merrimack in 1864, is dead in a Staten Island seamen's resort, at the age of 80 years.

"Magruder Clan" Meets.

Washington, D. C.: Coming together to revive traditions of the Scottish Highlands and to promote fraternalism among the American descendants of the valiant Gregor, "the Magruder clan" assembled in this city last week.

London: Henry Benson, of Brooklyn, N. Y., whose real name is Bebro,

has been found guilty by the criminal court and sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

News of the Week in Concise Form

DIVINE FINDS AFFINITY.

Congregational Minister Elops with His Nurse.

Ashland has been shaken from center to circumference by a scandal in which Rev. H. R. Van Auker, for two years pastor of the First Congregational church, plays the star part. He has deserted with Miss Bertha Bowman, a nurse, who recently came there from Philadelphia. It is believed they are in San Antonio, Tex.

Some weeks ago Mrs. Van Auker was ill and Miss Bowman was employed in the home as a nurse. After the recovery of the preacher's wife, Miss Bowman went to Lincoln to live, but returned at the request of Van Auker, who invited her to make her home at his house. Soon after this ugly stories commenced to circulate. Van Auker was called before the trustees and admitted his guilt. He was given \$100 and ordered to leave town. About the same time a committee waited on Miss Bowman and advised her to change her residence.

REFUSES TO RETURN.

Bowers Hands Resignation to an Armour Official at Duluth.

Through the efforts of J. C. Fisher, the company's manager at Duluth, Minn., George W. Bowers, missing manager for Armour & Co., at Omaha, has been located at Port Francis, Ont., where he had been for several days and had assumed the name of G. W. Breck. Fisher telegraphed the Omaha house, stating that he had sweated Bowers for two hours and was unable to ascertain why the man went away. At the end of the conference Bowers wrote out his resignation and turned it over to Fisher. Fisher urged him to return, but he absolutely refused to do so, stating that there were no inducements that could be offered that would cause him to change his mind. He said he had determined upon going into the Thunder Bay county to prospect for gold, and that there he was going.

TRAGEDY NEAR NELIGH.

A. G. Rakow, a Farmer, is Killed by F. M. Thornburg.

A. G. Rakow, who lived in Willow township, fourteen miles northeast of Neligh, was found dead in his pasture with a bullet hole in his head. He is believed to have been murdered. A neighbor, with whom he had trouble, is suspected.

It appears that A. G. Rakow and F. M. Thornburg had trouble about some hay. No one was present when the man was killed. They evidently had a fight, as Thornburg was wounded about the head and is now in a hospital in Neligh and under arrest.

Prison Chaplain Attacked.

Saying that he is demoralizing the religious teachings at the Nebraska penitentiary and refuses to treat other church men with consideration, the Nebraska convention of Baptists passed a resolution recommending that Gov. Shallenberger appoint a new chaplain in place of Rev. James Huff, an elder of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Two Elevators Burn.

The main line of the Burlington railroad west from Lincoln was blocked to all traffic for ten hours Friday by the burning of two grain elevators at the village of Denton. In addition to the elevators, two business houses and a residence were burned, with a total loss of between \$35,000 and \$40,000.

Norfolk Woman Ends Life.

Mrs. Ferdinand Pofahl, aged 59, committed suicide by hanging herself with a shoestring to a doorknob at Norfolk. Worry over property caused mental unbalance. She tied her mouth shut so that she could not scream while strangling.

Big Docket at Pender.

District court is in session at Pender with the first jury in attendance which has been summoned in a year and a half. There is a large docket, containing several important criminal and civil cases.

Nightmare Causes Death.

Miss Anna Lehmkuhler died, presumably the victim of nightmare. She is the daughter of Henry Lehmkuhler, a farmer living five miles from Arnold.

Laurel Postmaster Very Ill.

Postmaster W. A. Price, of Laurel, was stricken with spinal meningitis while driving his automobile and is still a very sick man.

Prisoners Try to Break Jail.

Elmer Johnson and Harry Luck, the two burglars sentenced to the penitentiary, made an unsuccessful attempt to break jail at Broken Bow.

Young Man Shot by Accident.

Word was received in Beatrice that Fortis Harrington, the 14-year-old son of Harry Harrington, a former resident of Crab Orchard, had been shot and killed while hunting near Pawnee City with two of his companions.

OMAHA MAN IS MISSING.

No Word from Geo. W. Bowers, Armour Official.

Friends of Geo. W. Bowers, acting general manager of the packing plant of Armour & Co. at Omaha, who went to California on a hunting and prospecting expedition four weeks ago and has not been heard from since, are greatly exercised over his disappearance. He left Omaha September 4 for northern California, intending to be gone two weeks. Not a word has been heard from him since he left.

Mr. Bowers is one of the best known packing house men in the country, and on former trips has kept his firm informed of his whereabouts. He is described as a man 5 feet 9 inches in height and weighing 150 pounds, hair very black and small black mustache.

When Bowers left Omaha he carried with him more than \$3,000, part of which was currency, and this leads his friends to fear foul play.

MAUPIN REPORTS.

Recommends that Governor Look Into Car Strike.

Gov. Shallenberger Saturday evening made public a report from Deputy Labor Commissioner Maupin, who recommends that the governor investigate the street car situation in Omaha, under the provisions of the statute. Mr. Maupin believes this should be done to make a permanent record, if for no other reason.

Some strikers have reported to the governor that several prominent business men of Omaha desired such an investigation and complain that the strike has injured business in Omaha. The governor said he would hold an investigation if enough business men join in a request for one.

The street car situation remained perfectly unchanged in Omaha Sunday. The company claimed that twenty more of the old men returned to work.

STRYKER AND NELSON HELD.

Unable to Satisfy the Court in Alfalfa Mill Deal.

In the case of State of Nebraska against George Stryker, formerly of York, now a resident of North Platte, an alfalfa mill promoter, and Samuel C. Nelson, formerly of Grand Island, a resident of Kansas City, engaged in the promotion and building of alfalfa mills, charged by the York Alfalfa Meal and Milling company with embezzlement of several thousand dollars, was tried at York. Stryker and Nelson were bound over to the next term of district court under \$5,000 bonds each.

City Marshal Exonerated.

The trial of the city marshal of Ponca for assault and battery resulted in a verdict of not guilty. Richard Curtis, the city marshal, had arrested Charles Foot on suspicion of bootlegging and found on his person two quart bottles of whisky which he believed Foot was bringing to Ponca for sale. Foot had the marshal arrested for doing him great bodily injury in the act of arresting him.

Aged Man Found Insane.

James Moxley, 106 years of age, has been declared insane by the Kearney authorities and will be taken to the Hastings asylum. Owing to Mr. Moxley's advanced age his mind has weakened, although physically he shows wonderful vitality and has lately become so unruly that it has been dangerous to give him his freedom.

Reward for Murderer.

Gov. Shallenberger has offered a state reward of \$200, which is the limit allowed by law, for the arrest of the person or persons who murdered a colored boy, Othello Ratcliffe, whose body was found September 7 at the Kellom school house, in the city of Omaha.

Football Game a Tie.

In the ideal football game of the season on the Nebraska field at Lincoln Saturday the Corn Husker eleven was held to a tie score 6 to 6, by South Dakota, and the verdict of the crowd was that the local gridiron contingent was lucky to escape defeat.

Grading for Double Track.

The grading for the Union Pacific's double track from Kearney to North Platte is nearly completed. Ties are being laid from North Platte and the bridge work is being pushed as hard as possible. The new track will probably not be used until spring, when it becomes well ballasted.

Disappears from Home.

N. P. Miller, prominent farmer, living seven miles west of Adams, has mysteriously disappeared and searching parties which have been looking for him have failed to find any trace of him.

High School Dedicated.

The Beatrice high school building, erected at cost of \$75,000, was dedicated with exercises befitting the occasion.



Peary and Cook.

It begins to look as if Peary's bark was worse than his bite.—Baltimore Sun.

When Peary says dash it is only an euphemism.—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

The Eskimos are learning a lesson in the ways of civilization.—Milwaukee Free Press.

According to Dr. Cook, north pole trips also make strange bedfellows.—Chicago News.

Anyhow, Peary and Cook had Colonel Roosevelt stymie for a time.—Washington Post.

Arctic exploration has become a happy combination of bouquets and brickbats.—Washington Post.

The first thing Peary does when he reaches home is to hire a lawyer.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

If it depends on circumstantial evidence neither Cook nor Peary can show cold feet.—Boston Transcript.

Well, the polar controversy has at least passed the he-took-my-dogs-and-he-stole-my-gumdrops stage.—Detroit News.

The pity is that Commander Peary could not discover the pole without revealing so much of himself.—New York World.

Reaching the pole through the medium of a newspaper yarn is also a tedious and painful process.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

If Peary gets magazine rates for all the "statements" he is preparing he can well afford to let Cook run away with the gate receipts.—Atlanta Constitution.

"When Dr. Cook sighted land," says a contemporary, "his heart bulged with emotions." And when Peary sighted land his vocabulary bulged with invective.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Marriage and Divorce.

When the son of a rich family proposes to an actress she does well to remember that the "come-home-and-be-forgiven" incident does not occur in real life as often as it does on the stage.—Washington Star.

No doubt the young woman who is suing a wealthy Socialist for breach of promise, with \$100,000 damages, wants him to live up to his creed by dividing his wealth with his less fortunate brothers and sisters.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The news that Miss Stewart is to wed a foreign prince again impels us to ask what has become of that domestic prince, the young American man? As a rival to foreign nobilities he seems still to require a considerable handicap.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Joseph Frischmann, a St. Louis shoemaker, having been rejected by a widow after six months of courtship, sued the lady for \$138.10 for his attentions, which he itemized in a bill. The lady came back with a claim for \$150 for her services in entertaining him, and the judge decided that neither claim was good. Time is not always money.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The Troubles of Spain.

Algeciras doesn't seem to have been the last word with the Moors.—Louisville Times.

King Alfonso has already returned to the more serious business of being a good fellow.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The more the Moors fight French and Spanish troops the better it suits the plans of Germany in Morocco.—Cleveland Leader.

Spain has sent General Weyler to pacify Morocco. When Weyler goes to war it means a boom in the barbed-wire business.—Toledo Blade.

Barcelona bankers who announce that they are open for deposits only seem to have reached a very simple solution for some of the most difficult problems of finance.—Washington Star.